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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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1. Chief, A&E interviewed two prospective applicants and did not encourage an application from either because of lack of experience in the assessment area.

2. Chief, A&E has discussed the latest revision of the OTR Regulation concerning training evaluation with C/LAS, C/SIC, and C/OS. Last week a discussion was held with C/IS. All four have concurred with the Regulation in the present form. The revised Regulation will be transmitted to you shortly.

3. JOT Training Program. The "basic surveys" of the IS and SIC portions of this program (except for US in the World Today) have been completed, and work has begun on specifics. [redacted] will be working with the IOC faculty; [redacted] all SIC instructors concerned with the three or four examinations contemplated for their program; [redacted] with [redacted] as the SIC practical exercises are developed. The JOT "group" does not seem to present any special problems as far as specific devices are concerned; but it will be necessary to take great care that standards of performance take cognizance of the fact that they are a most highly selected group of students.

4. Intelligence School. At [redacted] is sitting in on portions of the Operations Support Course. This is good background in general, and will be particularly useful if the course should come under review later this year. [redacted] before leaving for a post-thesis-experiment break, provided [redacted] with several completed problems or exercises. These bear on specific practice factors in Intelligence Research (Techniques).

5. [redacted] is on three weeks leave, after which he will assume Headquarters duties.

6. [redacted] former employee of A&E, reported on 4 August to work with us for one month to help us over the problem of a heavy load and vacation schedules.

7. On 5 August C/A&E, C/RB, and [redacted] of the Management Staff concerning our request for an IBM Type 604 machine. After we had discussed our need for the equipment, [redacted] pointed out that Machine Records has a 604 which they are using only 20% of capacity, and urged us to attempt to make use of it. We pointed out that such efforts in the past had been mutually unsatisfactory because of (a) scheduling difficulties, (b) lack of compatibility between their procedures and ours, and (c) the distance problem. [redacted] who is understandably concerned with machine utilization from the management point of view, proposed that he undertake to arrange a firm commitment from Machine Records to give us complete access to the 604 during certain days each week (or each payroll period) and to certain auxiliary equipment. He agreed to approve a letter of intent for our 604 requisition so that if the arrangement does not work out, delivery of our own machine will not be delayed (delivery time is approximately 8 months). We agreed to make such a trial and will cooperate with Machine Records to the best of our ability, though doubting from past experiences the feasibility of such a plan.

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8. On 1 August, C/RB, [redacted] visited the Data Processing Center of the National Institute of Health at Bethesda and saw a demonstration of the IBM 650 computer. In two hours the machine performed a number of complex manipulations involving psychological ratings which would require more than 100 man-hours with A&E's current facilities. The Agency plans to have a similar computer in about a year. A&E Staff will be one of its eager users.

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Chief, Assessment and Evaluation

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